

Manhattan Community Board 9 Youth, Education & Libraries

April 9, 2024 YEL MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown

Hon. Shaneeka Wilson

Lydia Gerson

Tiago Kiel

Elisa Yoo

Francine Wearing

Sharon De La Cruz (Online)

Community Presentation/Discussions:

1. **General Interest Bookstore** – John McGregor (jmgbooks2@gmail.com)
Mr. McGregor is opening a General Interest Bookstore in Harlem. He has 30 years of experience in the publishing industry as well as spending time as a literary agent. As a lifelong Harlem resident, he wanted to fill a need. Mr. McGregor is looking to obtain pre-revenue Grants so that he may take a Booksellers Bootcamp (An extended program that provides master courses and business resources).
2. **Advanced Science Research Center Illuminated Space** – Kendra Krueger (STEM Education & Outreach Manager) (kkrueger@gc.cuny.edu)
At City College of New York, the ASRC Illumination space host Science demos, Lab tours and allows for field trips from DOE schools. The focus is on Interdisciplinary Science. Will host a science Block Party, and a Neuroscience and Mindfulness series. Additional details to come!
3. **NYPL - George Bruce Library** – Kate Marcus (Children's Librarian)
Re-Opening Monday April 15! Programming ALL DAY 12pm – 6pm
4. **Barnard Community Engagement & Inclusion** – Brandon Vernon (Associate Director of Community Engagement)
Steam in The City – Works with K-8 schools in Upper Manhattan. Helping teachers with stress – Barnard develops curriculum to be used in the classrooms. Knitting club – gives out finished products to those who need it. Also host gardening clubs, and steam for dance.

New Business

1. Develop Resource for Cataloging the YEL attendees for reference and dissemination of information.
2. Public Health Forum – wellness workshop continuation updates
3. YEL Educator Forum – matching CBOs with Schools and Community Centers. Date? Place?